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In Re U.S. Patent Application of: )

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For: FORMWORK FOR CYLINDRICAL COLUMNS )

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Box PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This communication includes a preliminary amendment to be entered upon filing of this national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

AMENDMENTIn the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7 and 8.

Please add new claims 9-22 as follows:

-- 9. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 1, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.

10. Formwork for cylindrical columns according to claim 2, characterized in that it is included, as an outer stiffening envelope (3), a self-adhesive tape having a plurality of glass fibre threads (17), disposed longitudinally and evenly distributed, in such a way that said band is fixed to the rest of the structure of the formwork due to its self-adhesive condition, with an helicoidal path and preferably with a partial overlap of the same, in such a form that the fibres are in a substantially transversal position with respect to the imaginary axis of the formwork.